

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. With respect to a call originated to a call destination number, a method to update the voice activated dialing (VAD) directory associated with an originator of the call with the call destination number, the method comprising:

- receiving an instruction to update the VAD directory;
- recording a VAD command for the call destination number;
- updating the VAD directory with an update including the VAD command associated with the call destination number.

2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the call to the call destination number comprises a VAD call.

3. The method of Claim 1, prior to receipt of the instruction to update the VAD directory, the method further comprising:

- determining the call to the call destination number ended; and
- asking the originator whether to update the VAD directory.

4. The method of Claim 1, prior to receipt of the instruction to update the VAD directory, the method further comprising:

- asking the originator whether to update the VAD directory.

5. The method of Claim 4, wherein the inquiry comprises a data message.

6. The method of Claim 1, wherein updating the VAD directory with the update comprises checking a profile of the originator for an address of the VAD directory, and using the address of the VAD directory to update the VAD directory.

7. The method of Claim 6, wherein the profile of the originator comprises more than one address for the VAD directory; and

wherein updating the VAD directory with the update comprises using all of the addresses of the VAD directory to update the VAD directory.

8. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
after updating the VAD directory with the update, notifying the originator of the update.

9. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
after updating the VAD directory with the update, asking the originator whether to update the VAD directory with another update.

10. With respect to a voice activated dialing (VAD) call, a method to update the VAD directory associated with an originator of the VAD call with the call destination number, the method comprising:

- determining the VAD call to the call destination number ended;
- asking the originator whether to update the VAD directory;
- receiving an instruction to update the VAD directory;
- receiving from the originator a VAD command for the call destination number;
- updating the VAD directory with an update including the VAD command associated with the call destination number.

11. The method of Claim 10, wherein the inquiry comprises a data message.

12. The method of Claim 10, wherein updating the VAD directory with the update comprises checking a profile of the originator for an address of the VAD directory, and using the address of the VAD directory to update the VAD directory.

13. The method of Claim 12, wherein the profile of the originator comprises more than one address for the VAD directory; and

- wherein updating the VAD directory with the update comprises using all of the addresses of the VAD directory to update the VAD directory.

14. The method of Claim 10, further comprising:
after updating the VAD directory with the update, notifying the originator of the update.

15. The method of Claim 10, further comprising:
after updating the VAD directory with the update, asking the originator whether to update the VAD directory with another update.

16. A method for updating a voice activated dialing (VAD) directory, comprising:

- receiving an instruction to update the VAD directory;
- determining a call destination number to be included as part of an update to the VAD directory;
- recording a VAD command for the call destination number;
- updating the VAD directory with the update including the VAD command associated with the call destination number.

17. The method of Claim 16, wherein the VAD directory is associated with a customer; and

- wherein the call destination number to be included as part of the update to the VAD directory comprises the last number dialed by the customer.

18. The method of Claim 16, wherein the VAD directory is associated with a customer; and

- wherein the call destination number to be included as part of the update to the VAD directory comprises a number identified by the customer.

19. The method of Claim 16, wherein the VAD directory is associated with a customer; and

- wherein the call destination number to be included as part of the update to the VAD directory comprises a number from a call log associated with the customer.

20. The method of Claim 16, further comprising:
after updating the VAD directory with the update, checking whether
to update the VAD directory with another update.